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SUBJECT: MORGAN ABDUCTION - POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE FROM WLCU

1. RECEIVED THIS MORNING FROM BEIRUT OFFICE OF WORLD LEBANESE CULTURAL UNION FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM UNION'S PRESIDENT ANTHONY R. ABRAHAM OF 1122 DUPONT PLAZA CENTER, MIAMI, FLORIDA, ZIP 33131:

2. "I AM IN RECEIPT OF THOUSANDS OF MESSAGES FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD ALL PLEADING FOR THE IMMEDIATE, UNHARMED RELEASE OF COL MORGAN PRESENTLY BEING HELD IN THE HOPES OF SECURING FOOD, MEDICINE AND CLOTHING FOR THE UNFORTUNATE, DISPOSSESSED AND UNDER PRIVILEGED.

"THE WORLDWIDE IMAGE OF ALL PALESTINIANS WHO HAVE BRAVELY FOUGHT FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE WITH HONOR TO CORRECT THE MANY HUMAN INJUSTICES THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS AT STAKE.

"NOT ONE OF THESE BRAVE FREEDOM FIGHTERS DESERVE THE IMAGE OF KIDNAPPERS--COLD BLOODED MURDERERS, BANDITS OR WHAT HAVE YOU.

"THE WORLD OF NATIONS ARE JUST NOW RECOGNIZING THE JUSTIFICATION OF YOUR CAUSE AND THE GRAVE INJUSTICES THAT HAVE BEEN IMPOSED UPON YOU INNOCENT VICTIMS.

"I PLEAD WITH YOU IN THE NAME OF FIVE MILLION

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IMMIGRANTS NOT TO DESTROY THE GREAT PROGRESS AND

RIGHTEOUS IMAGE YOU HAVE CREATED BEFORE THE EYES OF THE WORLD BY AN UNWISE WANTON DISASTROUS STEP. SUCH AN ACT ONLY SERVES TO GIVE YOUR ENEMIES THE MOST DEFASTIATING PUBLIC RELATIONS AMMUNITION AVAILABLE TO RETALIATE AGAINST YOU AND THAT IS 'THE WANTON ACT OF MAN'S INHUMANITY TO AN INNOCENT MAN' WHOSE ONLY ACT OF AGGRESSION IS THE UNIFORM HE WEARS AND THE DEVOTION TO HIS COUNTRY... THE VERY SAME BASIC PRINCIPLES TO WHICH EACH OF YOU ARE COMMITTED AND SWORN TO UPHOLD... THE CAUSE FOR WHICH YOU FIGHT, DIE AND ARE DEDICATED TO.

"AS AN AMERICAN OF ARAB-LEBANESE HERITAGE AND AS PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD LEBANESE CULTURAL UNION, WE PLEAD FOR COL MORGAN'S IMMEDIATE RELEASE. IF IT IS YOUR DESIRE FOR PERSONAL DISCUSSION I WOULD BE HAPPY TO SERVE AS YOUR INTERMEDIATOR AND FLY TO LEBANON ON THE VERY NEXT AVAILABLE AIRPLANE."

3. FOREGOING MESSAGE BEING DELIVERED TO ALL LOCAL MEDIA BY WLCU'S BEIRUT OFFICE.

4. ABRAHAM IS WELL INTENDED INDIVIDUAL WHOM I AM SURE IS NOW KNOWN TO MANY OFFICERS IN DEPARTMENT. HE RECENTLY VISITED LEBANON AND WAS GIVEN LOCAL RED CARPET TREATMENT. IT HAS OCCURRED TO ME THAT IN GRASPING FOR STRAWS AND IF THERE IS ANOTHER DELAY, CONSIDERATION MIGHT BE GIVEN TO USING WLCU--PARTICULARLY ITS AMERICAN BRANCH--IN ACHIEVING MORGAN'S RELEASE. I AM OBVIOUSLY THINKING OF THE ROLE THAT PRIVATE AMERICANS PLAYED IN OBTAINING PHARMACEUTICALS TO BE USED AS RANSOM FOR ME WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE BAY OF PIGS.
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